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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS REPORTS

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1. HONG KONG PRESS CONVERAGE OF US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS  
DURING PERIOD APRIL 15-20 LIMITED TO FOLLOWING THREE ARTICLES  
ALL IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILIES.

A). SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, APRIL 16 (REUTER WASHINGTON),  
HAS UKDEL CHIEF SHOVELTON TELLING REPORTERS THAT USG (DOS)  
SHOULD SUPPORT CONCORDE NY LANDING RIGHTS "IN COURT WITH A  
LETTER EXPLAINING OUR (UK) TREATY RIGHTS". ARTICLE QUOTES  
SHOVELTON AS HAVING MADE DEMAND FOR SUPPORT DURING APRIL 14  
NEGOTIATIONS SESSION BUT HAVING RECEIVED NO RESPONSE OTHER THAN  
ATTENTIVE LISTENING.

B) HONG KONG STANDARD (HKS) APRIL 16 (ALL AGENCIES WASHINGTON)  
CARRIES SIMILAR STORY, EXPANDED BY SHOVELTON QUOTE THAT CURRENT  
CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS ARE INCIDENTAL TO CONCORDE NY RIGHTS  
ISSUE AND THAT "BERMUDA AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE  
RESTRICTION ON THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT". ARTICLE NOTES U-UK  
MUTUAL OPTIMISM THAT NEW CIVAIR AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED  
BEFORE JUNE 22.

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C) HKS, APRIL 18, (REUTER WASHINGTON) QUOTES US DOT SEC.  
ADAMS CLAIMING APRIL 16 "REALISTIC POSSIBILITY" EXISTS THAT  
US-UK AIR SERVICE MIGHT CEASE ON JUNE 22, BUT NOTES SHOVELTON  
TOLD REPORTERS APRIL 16 THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE OF FLIGHTS  
ENDING AND INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE DEvised IF OVERALL  
QUAGREEMENT NOT CONCLUDED BY JUNE 22.

2. NO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS APRIL 15-20 REFER TO HK ISSUES IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. CONGEN PRESS MONITORING UNITS HAVE NOT NOTICED ANY RECENT MENTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN LARGE CIVILIZATION CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS.

4. COPIES OF ARTICLES CITED PARA 1 TO BE POUCHED APRIL 22.

5. CONGEN WILL REPORT REGULARLY ON LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF US-UK CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS IN DEPARTMENT WISHES. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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